

WEEKS TRES TO PROVE KINSLEY A FOOL IN A POLICE CONSPIRACY AGAINST MOLINEUX.

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General Molineux's Handwriting.

This is a reproduction of the "pencil writing" with which Lawyer Weeks sought yesterday to embarrass Expert Kinsley. Inquiry by Journal reporters last night disclosed that these were addresses written by General Molineux when, with his son, he visited Captain McClusky on the morning of January 2, a year ago. Inadvertently or to test the expert's ability, Captain McClusky turned the paper over to Kinsley, who gave it the same scrutiny he vouchsafed to other writings submitted to him for examination, and promptly pronounced it not in the handwriting of Roland Molineux. Effort has been made to attach sensational importance to it, by asserting that General Molineux wrote it and passed it off as his son's writing to throw the experts and the police off the scent. Friends of General Molineux declared that he would have done no such thing, because he believed then, and still believes staunchly, in the innocence of his son.

Rapid-Fire Cross-Examination Fails to Shake the Expert, However.

Declares That General Molineux Gave His Own Handwriting to Detective Captain McClusky as That of His Son.

WITH more or less of sound and fury, but with a smaller measure of success than had been looked for, Lawyer Barton Weeks continued throughout yesterday his cross-examination of the prosecution's handwriting expert, William J. Kinsley.

In his questions there was a recurrent echo of the intimation that Kinsley ent himself, or was lent, to somebody's preconceived plan of making a sacrifice of Roland B. Molineux. The suggestion dominant in the interrogations, however, was more to indicate density on Kinsley's part than any ill motive or intent.

EXPERT'S CANDOR.

Kinsley's protracted study of the case, which the defence called notice to eloquent of his inability to form his conclusions from handwriting alone, seemed to have been of service, for he proved fairly efficient in warding off attack. His best panoply, however, was his candor, but even that was hardly calculated wholly to withstand the rebound of certain of his own utterances, in letters and published interviews, shortly after the murder of Mrs. Adams.

It is likely that the first two days of next week will be consumed in finishing the cross-examination.

FATHER'S WRITING IN EXPERT'S HANDS.

McClusky Handed Over Fragmentary Specimens to Test the Ability of Kinsley.

WITH Mr. Kinsley on the stand, Mr. Weeks began the morning session by asking in a quiet way:

"I understood you to say that you had not seen the address on the poison package prior to January 1?"

"That is right."

"Did you see in the New York Journal of January 2 the article headed: 'The police want Roland B. Molineux in the poisoning case'?"

"Yes."

Mr. Weeks continued throughout the

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Molineux Seldom Meets Cornish's Gaze, Squarely, the General Always Returns it.

WITH the sole exception of Recorder Geff himself, Harry Cornish has the most commanding seat in the court room. It is at the side, just within the rail. He has the judge to his left, the newspaper writers at his left elbow, the eager audience spread out at his right, where with scarcely a turn of his head he can see every man and woman of them. Directly across the court room, and facing him, sit the jurors.

As Cornish looks over at the twelve solemn faces he sees always, scarcely a vaulting-pole's length away, the pathetic picture that has gone, but bearing up with lion's courage; the son, cool, determined, smiling or frowning, but following hour after hour through the long days every minutest move in the game of which his life is the stake. Cornish and Molineux no longer glare at each other, nor try to stare each other down, as they did in the days of the Coroner's inquest. The last thing Molineux wants, now, is for the jury to witness any exhibition on his part of anger or hatred toward Cornish. It would give too well with the theory and purpose of the prosecution. Their eyes meet, now and then, but they are masters of their faces, both, and it is like the casual glance of strangers; nothing more. There is no visible flash of feeling to be seen.

The fruit of their old-time bitterness is not far to seek. It is in the seamed, ever whitening face, the bowed head, the broken heart of the old man who sits there between them hiding his misery as best he may.

"But you were sure that Molineux had not written them?"

FATHER WROTE IT.

"Yes, I learned that General Molineux was there and that he had written it, Captain McClusky backed water on the proposition himself afterward."

Molineux was anxiously assisting in the examination at this juncture. The writing was handed to the jury. Mr. Osborne insisted again, as he had before, that the typewritten copy from which Molineux wrote the so-called requested writing be placed in evidence.

The Recorder refused to entertain Mr. Osborne's remarks, and Mr. Weeks continued:

"It was on the same day that the Journal published that the police suspected Roland Burnham Molineux that Molineux and his father called at Captain McClusky's house, was it not?"

"I understand it was."

"You know that this is General Molineux's handwriting?"

"I do. At least that is my opinion."

General Molineux smiled at the allusions to himself. It was offered in evidence, and Mr. Osborne made no objection. Kinsley was asked if he now noted a pencilled "R" in the corner of the paper. He said he did not.

He was not certain whether it was there when the paper was first submitted to him or not.

"Has it constantly been in your possession?"

"Yes; except when in Mr. Carvalho's."

"Did you compare it with the address on the poison package?"

"Did you notice any similarity?"

"Yes, slightly."

Mr. Weeks sought to bring out the point that the expert had not been able to form an opinion as to the defendant's handwriting until he had seen him in the act of writing, that you and he had passed the defendant out of it."

Mr. Weeks asked this important point fully. It had been suggested by Expert Carvalho, who listened intently for the answer.

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copybook. He now entered upon a lengthy commentary on a letter which Expert Ed-

win Hay had written to Kinsley and upon Kinsley's answer to it. It appeared, from the letters, that Mr. Hay had formed certain conclusions regarding Molineux from reproductions of Molineux's writing in the Journal. Mr. Kinsley had answered, criticizing Mr. Hay for making up his mind from cuts in the Journal, alleging that the process of photographing and printing by hand press made it unlikely that the reproductions could be altogether exact.

Answering questions, he told of a visit made to the house of Osborne, who had sent a secretary to ask him to come.

"What conversation took place that night?"

Mr. Osborne asked me if I had told Captain McClusky that I believed Molineux to be the writer of the Barnett and Cornish letters. I said yes.

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"Before you left his office did you leave anything with him?"

"Yes, I left all my specimens there, and I think the 'salts' letter signed by 'Cornish.'"

"In your opinion, were all the letter exhibits written with the same pen?"

"Yes," answered Kinsley, after examining the book.

"Because all the letter exhibits, from A to I, inclusive, were written with that kind of a pen."

"Did seeing the defendant write enter into your formation of your opinion?"

"It had no weight whatever."

"Then why did you come back after you left the room?"

"Because I thought it best to be on the safe side. If I saw him write I could identify the exhibit positively as the one he had written."

"You wanted to be in a position to swear," said Weeks severely, "that Molineux wrote the poison address?"

"It was more than Kinsley could stand. He did not relish the picture of himself as a man seeking another man's life for gain."

"Mr. Weeks," cried the expert, "you remember very well that when you came to my office I told you I didn't want to see you brought him there."

"Yes; and yet you have sworn that you came back into the room."

"I have explained why I came back into the room. There was no one else there to represent the District Attorney's office. I asked you to postpone the thing."

"You asked me to postpone it?" stormed Weeks.

"Yes, sir."

"The larger made the best list he could of it, which was to express regret, seemingly not too pungent, that he was not himself under oath so that he could refute the statement."

"Didn't you request those writings, Mr. Kinsley, for the purpose of strengthening your opinion?"

"No."

"You didn't?"

"Kinsley's voice got away from him, and he shouted, 'NO!'"

"Then do you say that the act of seeing this defendant write didn't have any effect in determining your opinion?"

"None."

"Then what did you want those writings for?"

"Because they incorporated the words—yes, if you wish it, the exact language of the disputed writings."

"So that until you succeeded in getting him to write the exact words, in your office, upon paper selected by you and with pens and inks selected by you, you were not willing to form your conclusions?"

Kinsley looked the embodiment of contentment as he answered quietly, almost solemnly, "I was not."

ONE CASE IN WHICH KINSLEY ERRED.

Before Mr. Weeks completes his cross-examination of Expert Kinsley he will ask him about a mistake he made in the criminal prosecution of former Coroner Nason, of Brooklyn. Kinsley erred in imputing certain vouchers to Nason while the matter was before the Grand Jury.

Kinsley said yesterday that he soon discovered the mistake and at once notified Brooklyn's District Attorney. He added that at first he had not had enough specimens of Nason's handwriting.

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BIG "IF" THREATENS PAY OF TEACHERS.

Little Chance for Christmas Joy in Richmond and Queens.

CALLERS ON THE MAYOR.

They Are Told That Only "Mandatory Provisions" Will Be Complied With.

"If it is shown, when the Board of Estimate and Apportionment meets next Thursday, that insufficient money has been appropriated to carry out the mandatory provisions of the Ahearn law, the Board will supply the deficiency. If not, I do not know that anything can be done."

Mayor Van Wyck, yesterday, to a delegation of unpaid teachers from the Borough of Richmond.

Not a penny of salary have the teachers and janitors of Richmond received for three months. Many of them are destitute.

The Queens County teachers and other employees have not had a cent of pay since September 30. More than two-thirds of them are in serious straits. Comptroller Coler has told the Queens teachers that they will be paid for October, and that is as far as he can see.

The Richmond teachers are in even a worse condition. The only cheer they have is in what the Mayor said to their delegation yesterday.

When the Mayor's words were reported to Comptroller Coler, he said that the provisions of the Ahearn law were plain and unquestioned, and that the Board of Estimate would certainly authorize the issue of bonds under it for the payment of which may be legally due to the teachers. It is a fact that the Ahearn law prohibits school expenses exceeding the figures in the appropriation budget, and the Mayor and Comptroller assert merely that they will obey the law. Unless some legal twist can be made in the interpretation of the law, it appears that there is no hope for the Richmond teachers.

The Brooklyn teachers have sued and won their fight, however, being under different conditions than those affecting the Richmond and Queens teachers. The Manhattan teachers will get their money, the Brooklyn teachers standing as a test case for them. The Queens teachers are in the courts now. Their situation is the same as that of the Richmond teachers, and there is doubt of their success. The Richmond teachers are advised to sue. They have not yet appealed to the courts. They will probably sue at once now that their case appears so dark.

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